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Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on the page 4 line 1 with the following new paragraph:

Annuloplasty rings are needed to achieve a durable reduction of the annular dilatation. All the common rings are sutured along the posterior mitral leaflet adjacent to the mitral annulus in the left atrium. ~~[The Duran]~~ One ring encircles the valve completely, whereas the others are open towards the anterior leaflet. The ring can either be rigid, like the original ~~[Carpentier]~~ CARPENTIER annuloplasty ring, or flexible but non-elastic, like the ~~[Duran ring or the Cosgrove-Edwards]~~ COSGROVE-EDWARDS annuloplasty ring.